Draft Agenda

CIE Review of the Eastern Bering Sea Walleye Pollock stock assessment

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Building 4; Room 2143 (or TBD)

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Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, with time for lunch and morning and afternoon breaks. Discussion will be open to everyone, with priority given to the panel and senior assessment author.

Monday, May 16

0900 Introductions and adoption of agenda	Anne Hollowed
0910 Welcome and overview of assessment and process	Jim I.
0950 Observer program	Craig Faunce
1020 Break	
1030 EBS trawl survey	Stan Kotwicki
1115 Acoustic trawl survey (ToR 1a, 1b)	Chris Wilson
1200 Lunch	
1300 Developments in geostatistical modeling of survey data	Jim Thorson
1330 Age determination methods	Tom Helser
1400 Management background and issues (ToR 3)	Diana Stram
1430 Ecosystem application in assessment (ToR 4)	Kirstin Holsman
1500 Break	
1600 Assessment presentation (ToR 1)	Jim I.
1640 Discussion	Panel

Tuesday, May 17

0900 Assessment details continued, model structure, (ToR 1d, 2)	Jim I.
1100 MSE work (ToR 3, 4)	
1200 Lunch	
1300 Presentation of model updates, further requests and discussions	
1700 Adjourn	

Wednesday, May 18

Review of models assigned the previous day
Discussion, real-time model runs
Assignments for models to be presented the following day

Thursday, May 19

Discussion, review of models
Report writing (time permitting)

Terms of Reference for the EBS pollock CIE review

1. Evaluation, findings, and recommendations on quality of input data and methods used to process them for inclusion in the assessment. In particular:
    a. Is the use of the index of acoustic backscatter from opportunistic (AVO) used appropriately?
    b. Is modeling observed numbers from surveys appropriate?
    c. How should data on mean body mass at age be best used for model projections?
    d. How should the various data sets be weighted?

2. Evaluate and provide recommendations on model structure, assumptions, and estimation procedures uses to assess stock status and condition. In particular:
    a. Are the selectivity approaches used for surveys and fishery appropriate?
    b. How should trans-boundary aspects of the resource be handled?
    c. What constraints, if any, should be placed on survey catchability?
    d. How should model projection alternatives be evaluated/presented?
    e. Anything else on which the reviewers care to comment.

3. Evaluate and provide recommendations on harvest recommendations provided by the NPFMC Tier system in the context of the 2,000,000 t BSAI cap and realized management recommendations

4. Evaluate the extent that ecosystem data are presently included in the assessment and recommend how and where improvements can be made.